Summer Reading List

Are you looking forward to relaxing with a good book this summer? Here are a few titles spotted on summer readings lists around FPC:

**Roger Burbage**
Everything Happens For A Reason: And Other Lies I’ve Loved, by Kate Bowler
Grateful, by Diana Butler Bass

**John Coble**
The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness, by Sy Montgomery
The Water Is Wide, by Pat Conroy

**Kitty Donnan**
The Death & Life of The Great Lakes, by Dan Egan
Educated, by Tara Westover

**Denise Horton**
Epitaph for a Peach: Four Seasons on My Family Farm, by Davis M as M asmoto
Johnny Cash, The Life, by Robert Hilburn

**Lewis Hudgins**
Cannio Island, by John Grisham
A Brief History of Time, by Stephen Hawking

**Lucy Bell Johnson**
Fighting Blind: A Green Beret’s Story of Extraordinary Courage, by Ivan Castro and Jim DeFelice
The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah

**John Kipp**
Devotional Classics, edited by Richard Foster & Famees Bryan Smith
Out of the Ruins (The Golden Gate Chronicles), by Karen Barnett

**Bruce Lancaster**
Blind Man’s Bluff: The Untold Story of American Submarine Espionage, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew
The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity, by Cynthia Bourgeault

**Kim Ness**
Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (and How to Reverse It), by Robert Lupton
Small Great Things, by Jodi Picoult

**Nan Powell**
Beneath a Scarlet Sky, by Mark Sullivan
Les Miserables, by Victor Hugo, translated by Julie Rose

**Carol Strickland**
Elantris, by Brian Sanderson
The Fault in Our Stars, by John Green
**Music Notes**

**Montreat June 24-29**

A group of adults, youth, and children will be attending the 2018 Montreat Worship and Music Conference. We will worship, sing in choirs, play instruments, attend classes to learn about music and worship-related topics, eat great food, and enjoy a wonderful time in the North Carolina mountains. Wish us well and keep us in your prayers during this time, that we will come back enriched and inspired.

**Summer Choir**

**Begins June 3**

All interested singers are invited to join us for Summer Choir. We will meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning’s service. Our Chancel Choir will be the foundation of this group. Singers may join us for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. Adults, youth, and children are all welcome.

Soli Deo Gloria (To God alone be the Glory), John Coble, Director of Music and Organist

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**Goodbye, Andy!**

At a tailgate party at the Presbyterian Student Center (PSC) at UGA on April 27, a group of well-wishers feted the Rev. Andy Cooke and “prayed him out,” in the words of board president, the Rev. Bob Googe (pictured at right). After ten outstanding years as Campus Minister, Andy has stepped down. Many supporters – including students, alumni, board members, and colleagues – gave heartwarming testimonies about Andy’s impact as a pastor and leader.

During his tenure, the ministry made significant changes. Among them were the removal of a house located on the property, enabling parking revenue to supply major support. Andy also began the Waddel Fellowship program. Funded by a grant from the Lily Endowment and named for the fifth president of the university who also was the founding pastor of First Presbyterian Church, this vocational discernment program gives students the opportunity to work in local congregations and nonprofit organizations. Our congregation has had three or four Waddel Fellows each year sampling various aspects of parish ministry.

Prior to his service at PSC, Andy was Associate Pastor for this church for three years. His marriage last November to Katelyn Gordon, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation at First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, begins a new chapter in his life and ministry as he relocates to North Carolina.

A subcommittee of the PSC board is serving as the search committee to find the next Campus Minister. Patti Reed, FPC member and a member of that committee, reports great progress with expectations that the position will be filled prior to the start of the school year.

Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor
Congratulations, College Graduates!

Joe Hopper, the son of Mary and Dennis Hopper, received a master’s degree in Professional Counseling from the University of Georgia on May 4. He is working at a counseling center in Athens.

Grace Magrino, the daughter of Jane and Darryl Magrino, received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Georgia. She will begin working as a nurse this summer at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

Adam McLean, the son of April and Avery McLean, received a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Affairs and Sports Management from the University of Alabama. He will start an internship with the Denver Broncos in June.

John Toney, the son of Laura and Chuck Toney, received a bachelor’s degree in history from Georgia College. He has been accepted at the University of Georgia School of Law.

Will Toney, the son of Laura and Chuck Toney, received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Georgia College. He has been offered a position with Cookout which will lead to a post in the corporate office.

Cameron Walters, the son of Julie and Wayne Walters, received a Bachelor of Forestry from the University of Georgia. He will continue at UGA in the fall to earn a Master’s in Forestry Business.

Hannah Walters, the daughter of Julie and Wayne Walters, received a Bachelor of Nursing from Augusta University. She will attend Emory University in the fall to earn a Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

Wesley Walters, the son of Julie and Wayne Walters, received a Bachelor of Biology from Samford University. He plans to attend medical school in the fall.

Food 2 Kids

Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for donating 12 pounds of food in April and 4 pounds of toothpaste and toothbrushes in May to the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.

Mother’s Day Offering Update

Thank you for making a life-changing difference in the lives of mothers and others who need your help by donating $737 to the Caring Hands Fund for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Our gifts help to provide much needed care and services for more than 400 older residents (mostly widows) of Presbyterian Homes who have outlived their financial resources. Thank you for your generosity.

Project Safe Work Day

In May, First Presbyterian Church members gathered at the Project Safe Thrift Store to help sort and clean items for sale to benefit victims of domestic violence. Please mark your calendar for the next work days, September 18 and November 20.
Children's Ministry Update

Blessing of our 5th Graders

Congratulations to our rising 6th Graders: Camille Attaway, Emma Clarke, Cate DeMaria, Lorenzo Fischetti, Cash Havick, Lane Holloway, Ben Park, Jackson Parker, Nixon Roberts, and Hudson Smith! At the end of May, we celebrated an important milestone with these wonderful children – graduating from elementary school and Children's Ministry and moving on to middle school and Youth Group! We will miss having this sweet group of children in our Godly Play Circle on Sunday mornings, but we look forward to seeing how they continue to grow into young adults and embrace all the fun and fellowship that happens in THE PIT!

Children's Ministries Summer Schedule

Beginning Sunday, June 3, children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for worship. We will not have Children's Church during the summer, but rather have a special time for children during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The nursery will be available all summer long for our little ones, infants through 4 year-olds. Children's Church will resume on Sunday, August 12.

A Time for Children during Summer Worship

During summer worship, the children will be invited to the front of the sanctuary for A Time for Children. This will be a special time devoted to helping our youngest worship participants better understand the order of worship and why we light candles, have a prayer of confession and illumination, give an offering, receive a benediction at the end of worship, etc.

Since the children will be learning about different parts of worship each Sunday, they will be invited forward at different times during the service. Before worship begins, have your child locate the little church mouse in the bulletin so they know what part of worship they will be learning about as well as when they will be invited to A Time for Children.

Happy Summer everyone!

Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministries

Books for Keeps Book Drive

Through June 10

Help make sure no child in our community goes a summer without great books to read. Please bring your used books to the bins in the Atrium or church office. Books of all kinds will be accepted, then sold by Books for Keeps with proceeds used to buy new children’s books. Learn more at booksforkeeps.org.

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Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministries
Youth Ministry News

During the summer we take a break from Sunday School and youth group and gather instead for mission trips and youth conferences. These retreats are some of the best parts of church work as they create strong memories that carry us into the new school year. I would guess that many of you can fondly recall trips you took with your church youth group as a teen! Please keep us in your prayer this summer:

**May 29-June 1**

**Vacation Bible School and Middle School Lock-In**

Middle School youth, including our rising 6th graders, will serve as guides for VBS. And then on Friday, they will participate in a beat-the-clock, 12-hour challenge. From 12 to 12, we will play games, complete challenges, serve others, and end with a midnight meal at Waffle House!

**June 9-16**

**Intergenerational Mission Trip to Honduras**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising efforts for Honduras. We could not have done this without you!! There are 27 amazing members on this team: nine high school students, three college students, and fifteen adults. We will be staying at Rancho el Paraiso in the northern part of the country, teaching Bible School, digging ditches, and getting to know the community.

**June 21-24**

**Middle School Conference at Massanetta, VA**

I am thrilled to partner with Covenant Presbyterian Church to take fifteen middle school youth (8 FPC, 5 CPC) for our first time at Massanetta. Hundreds of youth come together every summer for this special middle school conference that many liken to Montreat. The theme this year is, “Y’all Are Mine: created, claimed, called.”

**July 22-28**

**Montreat Youth Conference**

The theme for this year’s MYC is, “Lift Every Voice.” Through keynote, small groups, recreation, and worship, youth will be challenged to find and then lift up their own voices, while celebrating all the different voices in the world. We will be sharing the Georgia Lodge with Reid Memorial Presbyterian from Augusta, and look forward to building new relationships while strengthening our own FPC group.

**HONDURAS MISSIONARIES**

**YOUTH**

Jay Bangle
Celeste Covington
Maggie DeMaria
Emily Gaskill
Knox Huff
Erin Osborne
Luke Osborne
Anna Palmer
James Williams

**COLLEGE**

Christian Cordon
Christina Cordon
Jordan Osborne

**ADULTS**

Judy Burch
Stephen Covington
Don DeMaria
Julie Hayes
Denise Horton
David Huff
Kim Ness
Paige Oelke
Andy Osborne
Julie Osborne
Jack Palmer
Christine Register
Jim Scanlon
Carol Strickland

**Youth Sunday, April 29, 2018**

Kim Ness, Director of Youth Ministries
Flower Dedications

The following dates are available to dedicate flowers for Sunday worship: July 15 and August 12. The cost for two arrangements is $100. Please contact Lucy Bell Johnson, lbell@firstpresathens.org or (706) 543-4338 to schedule a date.

April Financial Information

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Looking Ahead

August 5
Senior Adult Sunday

August 5-12
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens Host Week

August 8
Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin

August 12
Fall Kickoff Brunch
Confirmation Kickoff
Two Worship Services Begin
Children’s Church Begins
Blessing of the Backpacks

August 19
Sunday School Begins
Children’s Choir Rehearsals Begin

August 26
Youth Kickoff Pool Party

Presbyterian Women Honor Maggie Davis

In April the Presbyterian Women met for their annual Birthday Luncheon, where they made Maggie Davis an Honorary Lifetime Member.

Maggie has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1993, serving in many capacities over the years including a Ruling Elder, a member of a Congregational Care Team, and as the study leader for PW Circle One for 16+ years.

Maggie holds both a Master’s in Psychology and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Georgia. She had a distinguished career in education, including as Assistant Dean of Students at Beaver College and Dean of Students at Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, before returning to Athens to retire. Congratulations, Maggie Davis!
July 2  Bettye Fabris, Bob Google, Jeremy Praissman, Fred Wallace  
July 3  Jacob Castleman, Brenda Glasscock, Miller Heath, Zanne Hunt, Kathleen Wilfong  
July 4  Harrison Goodstone, Andrew Nighbors  
July 5  Jane Horn, Brenda Klein, Drew Marshall, Bob Thornton III  
July 6  Jeannie Burbage, Ron Cox, Elisabeth Martin, Virginia Sheilds  
July 7  John Duffett, William Martin, Ben Park  
July 8  Jack Carey, Melody Croft, Daniel DeSimone, Carroll Gaillard  
July 9  Forrest Brumby, Sharon Logan, Gail Wilfong  
July 10  Joyce Coble, Tripp Pittman III, Jeffie Rowland  
July 11  Charlotte Ingram, Chris Michalek, Will Park, Mike Waldrip  
July 12  Cheryl Brock, Clark Fortson, Nancy Hely, Carol Lunde  
July 13  Evie Bawcum, Bertis Downs, Ruth Ike  
July 14  Sarah Bryan, Stephen Covington, Ellie Pope  
July 15  Colleen Hannah  
July 16  Annie Blanks, Kitty Donnan,  
July 17  Curtis Estes, Sara Haire  
July 18  Jenny Calvo, Lisa Jones  
July 19  Tom Bowen, Helen Devore, Christine Fleming, Elizabeth Gaskill, Al Ike, Jr.  
July 20  John Ferguson, Lucy Ferguson, Dean Flashans  
July 21  Rosemary Bowen, Noah Knowles, Tom Lanier III, Karl Schab  
July 22  Kathryn Nichols  
July 23  Kelly Calvo, Sarah Carey, Chris Gazlay, Bill Hardell, Art Ryder  
July 24  Stan Bailey, Elizabeth Blount, Chiara Bono, Donna Brumby, Claudia Cole  
July 25  Rod Canfield, Charlotte Chomiak, Christopher Wesson  
July 26  Bob Frisch, Chris Queen  
July 27  Jim Bennewitz, Addie Downs, Mack Elrod, Barbara Scott  
July 28  Courtney Aldrich, Rick Huszagh, Grace Agrino, Allan Middleton III  
July 29  Joe Berry, Mary Berry  

Our Church Family  
Congratulations to:  
Karen and Tim Burg on the adoption of their son, Tre Kedrick Burg on April 30, 2018.  
Jeff and Eleanor Lancaster Dake on the birth of their daughter, Cameron Betty Dake on May 2, 2018. Cameron is the granddaughter of Bruce and Cathie Lancaster.  
Danny and Shannon Barry Glass on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Margaret Glass on January 4, 2018. Sophie is the granddaughter of Bill and Brita Barry.  

Christian Sympathy to:  
Jayne Bailey and family on the loss of her father, J.E. “Jake” Mathews.  
Wes Bowden and family on the loss of his sister, Stacey Bowden.  
Jennie Burbage and family on the loss of her mother, Esther Overfield Culverwell.  
Ethel Chaffin and family on the loss of her husband, Verner Franklin Chaffin.  
Page Pate and family on the loss of her sister, Mary Gannon Gunn.  
Phyllis Razor and family on the loss of her husband, Jack Edwin Razor.  
Martha Thomas and family on the loss of her father, Billy Dean Thomas.  
Steve West and family on the loss of his brother, Russell Barry West.  

In Memoriam  
Stacey Carol Bowden 1995-2018  
Verner Franklin Chaffin 1918-2018  
Mary Gannon Gunn 1946-2018  
Judith Elkins Howell 1947-2018  
Jack Edwin Razor 1937-2018  
Amanda Hulsey Thompson 1927-2018  

Summer Weekly Bible Readings  
June 1-9 Psalm 23  
June 10-16 Amos 1-4  
June 17-23 Amos 5-9  
June 23-30 Hosea 1-3  
July 1-7 Hosea 4-7  
July 8-14 Hosea 8-12:1  
July 15-22 Hosea 12:2-14  
July 23-31 Jonah 1-4
Sundays at First Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, June 3**
Psalm 23: Your Needs and God’s Provision  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching  
Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

**Sunday, June 10**
Psalm 23: Your Way and God’s Leadership  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching

**Sunday, June 17**
Psalm 23: Your Comfort and God’s Protection  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching

**Sunday, June 24**
Psalm 23: Your Life and God’s Certainty  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching

**Sunday, July 1**
Uncommon Decency  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching  
Food Sunday

**Sunday, July 8**
The Old Testament in Twenty Minutes  
Dr. Carol Strickland Preaching

**Sunday, July 15**
Once Upon a Time: Amos  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching

**Sunday, July 22**
Once Upon a Time: Hosea  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching

**Sunday, July 29**
Once Upon a Time: Jonah  
Dr. Bruce Lancaster Preaching

**No Children’s Church June 3-August 5**
We will have a special time for children during worship each Sunday this summer.

The Nursery will continue to be available for infants through 4 year-olds.

**Summer Worship, 10:00 a.m.**
Sunday School does not meet in the summer.